

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7, and 10 are amended to correct dependency, to remove unnecessary language, and to better indicate an initial recitation of particular elements, respectively. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 12–42 are added. Claims 1–7, 9, 10, and 12–42 are pending in the Application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1–7, 9, and 10 are allowable.

Amendments to the specification

To the extent that any of the changes entered above to the specification are not merely grammatical or corrective of obvious typographical errors, applicant respectfully notes that these changes are supported by applicant's original disclosure as filed at, e.g., the following locations:

Paragraph [0015]: FIGURE 10

Paragraph [0019]: FIGURE 1

Paragraph [0023]: FIGURE 2

Paragraphs [0024], [0025]: FIGURE 3

Paragraph [0032]: paragraph [0032], FIGURES 3 and 4

Paragraphs [0036], [0037]: paragraph [0029]

Paragraph [0039]: FIGURE 7 and claim 7

Paragraph [0041]: FIGURES 10 and 11

Paragraph [0043]: FIGURES 12 and 13, claims 9 and 10

Paragraphs [0044], [0046]: FIGURE 2

New claims

Applicant respectfully notes that new claims 12–42 are supported by applicant’s original disclosure as filed at, e.g., the following locations:

Claims 12, 18, 19, 32, 33: paragraph [0038]; Figures 6 and 7

Claims 13, 42: Claim 1

Claims 14, 29: paragraph [0020]; Figures 1, 3–5, and 9

Claim 15: paragraph [0032]

Claims 16, 30: Claim 2

Claims 17, 31: paragraph [0030]

Claim 20, 34: paragraph [0046]

Claim 21, 35: paragraph [0039]; Figure 7

Claim 22, 24, 25, 36, 38, 39: Claim 5; paragraph [0026]

Claim 23, 37: Claim 6

Claims 26, 27, 40, 41: paragraph [0047]

Claim 28: claim 1; paragraph [0036]; Figures 3–5

All objections and rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and earnestly requests a Notice to that effect.

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